

**MINUTES OF THE CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Lewis, Koessel, Fox, Goldberg, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Dood.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Senior Appraiser McCarty and those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 01/28/2009.
 - 2. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 01/13/2009.
 - b. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Comcast – re: High definition channels
 - 2. Letter from Kent County Department of Aeronautics – re: Highlights from the past year.
 - 3. Letter from Michigan Community Blood Centers – re: Blood Drive on January 26, 2009.
 - 4. Letter from Bob Worcester – re: Article in Grand Rapids Press i.e., Ideas sought for Tassell Land.
 - c. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Kent County Sheriff Department East Precinct Report October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008.
 - 2. Building Department Monthly Report for January, 2009.
 - d. Education Requests
 - 1. James Walker – Fire Department Instructors Conference – Indianapolis, Indiana – April 20-25, 2009.
 - 2. Doug Poolman – Juvenile Firesetter Seminar – Mt. Pleasant, MI – February 23-25, 2009.
- Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Trustee Koessel addressed the letter from Mr. Worcester. Trustee Koessel stated that we should keep his ideas in mind when we do the Park development plan.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5.** **Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of Payables, Payroll and Transfers for January, 2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Payables, Payroll and Transfers for January, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6.** **Public Actions**
- a. **Public Hearing – Request for Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for New Facility for Hart & Cooley.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to adjourn the public meeting and go into convene into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.
Senior Appraiser McCarty reviewed the request from Hart & Cooley to establish an IFT Tax Abatement District and establish an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement Certificate. Discussion followed.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7.** **Public Comments**
Mr. Scott Hoover, 2298 Buttrick Ave. was present to address the Township’s storm water system.
- Article 8.** **Unfinished Business (None)**

Article 9. New Business

010-2009 Request for Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for New Facility for Hart & Cooley.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the request from Hart & Cooley to establish an IFT Tax Abatement District. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the establishment of an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement Certificate. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

011-2009 Consider Approval of the Kent County Fire Service Initial Emergency Automatic Aid Agreement.

Chief Sigg was present to explain the Aid Agreement. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Kent County Fire Service Initial Emergency Automatic Aid Agreement. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

012-2009 Consider Approval of the Gypsy Moth Suppression Agreement.

Manager Cousins reviewed the Gypsy Moth Suppression Agreement. It has been determined that 555 acres will be sprayed this year in the Township at a cost of \$18,870. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Treasurer Dood to approve the Gypsy Moth Suppression Agreement at the cost of \$18,870 for 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

013-2009 Consider Approval of New Permit and Liquor License from Barbecue Integrated, Inc. for a new Entertainment.

Clerk Goodyke reviewed some previous concerns with the above-mentioned permit. He has had several conversations with the Liquor Control Commission in Lansing, and is now satisfied that we have Ordinances prohibiting a kind of activity that we don't want to see in Cascade Township. That trumps this permit to do that sort of activity. They are not asking for a Dance Permit. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the New Permit and Liquor License from Barbecue Integrated, Inc. for a new Entertainment. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

014-2009 Consider Resolution Authorizing Township Board to Adopt Master Plan.

Supervisor Beahan stated that this Resolution was required under State Law that we do have the right to approve or reject the Master Plan.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Township Board to Adopt the Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- A copy of the draft goals have been placed at each of your stations, in case you didn't already have one. Rob and Ron are working on fine-tuning those goals.
- Thornapple River is above flood stage – 6.3 ft. as of this morning. It is expected to peak Saturday morning at 11.9 ft. (below the dam).
- Red Cross training at the Wisner – we have been working with them, I want you to be aware that on March 21st, the Red Cross will be putting on a Pet First Aid Class in the morning followed by a general first aid class and family emergency preparedness class in the afternoon. Then on May 16th there will be a 7-hour babysitter training class put on by the Red Cross for local residents.
- A letter was received and read from a residents regarding Heather Jahr one of our B&G Employees.
- There is a Kent County MTA Luncheon Meeting on Thurs. Feb. 26 at 11:30 at Cannon Township Hall.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- I attended the ZBA meeting last night.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- The CBA is having the Superintendent of Forest Hills speaking on Wed. February 18th at 11:30 a.m.

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- Wanted to thank Bill for organizing the Red Cross Classes.

- Spent a couple of hours on the phone today with Bond Counsel and our Underwriter.
- Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:
- Rob and I had an interesting conversation last week with an individual that knows the Fase property. We found that the Fase family has names for a great deal of the parcel. Would like to look into incorporating them into the names of the trails etc....
 - We get a lot of correspondence from Comcast, and one of the things that I have noticed with their HD transmissions the quality of the transmission from time to time deteriorates. I have called them personally and they seem relatively unconcerned about that. I think that we get notified of everything, we ought to send a letter to Comcast on behalf of the Township letting them know that they are a large provider of services. In exchange for that the citizens expect a quality of service, and I think it has declined substantially as more users are coming on board.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Michigan State did beat Michigan last night.
- I have been sitting here for the past couple of months, with my glasses off and on again. Isn't there a connection of some sort that we can look at that would allow these screens to become closer to us. They certainly far enough away that it bothers some of our glasses. My computer allows me to move it closer or further away. Is there an adjustment/ angle that will allow us to do that?

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Monday night the 16th, here at the Wisner Center the Cascade Community Foundation is sponsoring a movie night. It is the Jungle Book at 6:30 p.m.
- Introduced Jim Walker as one of our chief trainers in our Fire Department.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor